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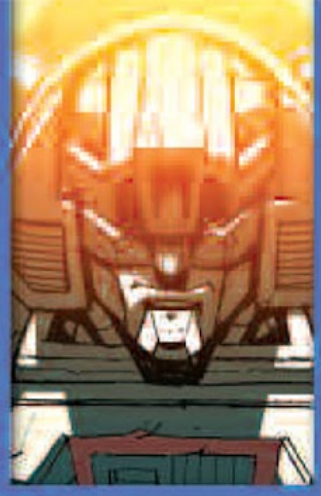

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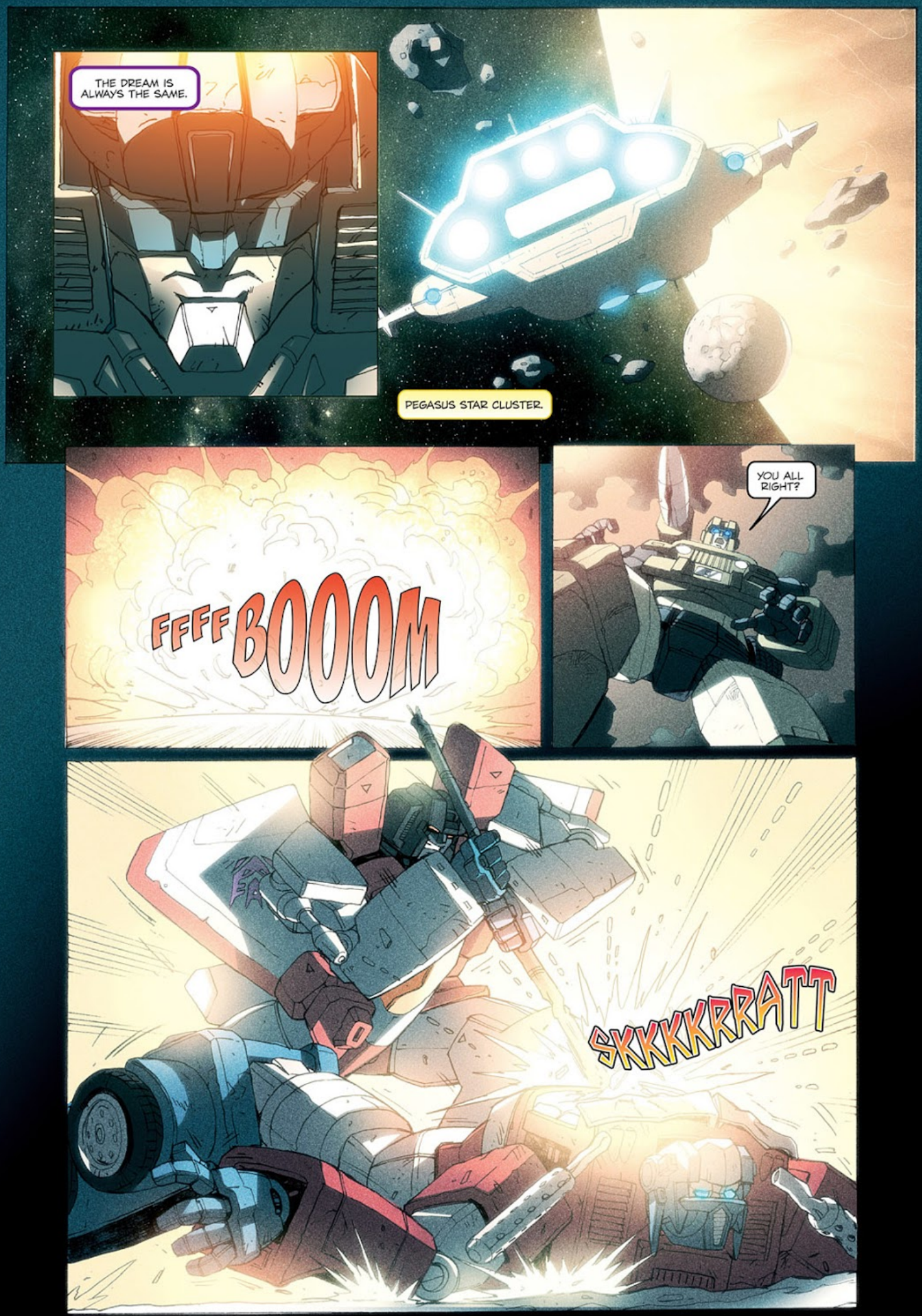
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SKKKKRRATT

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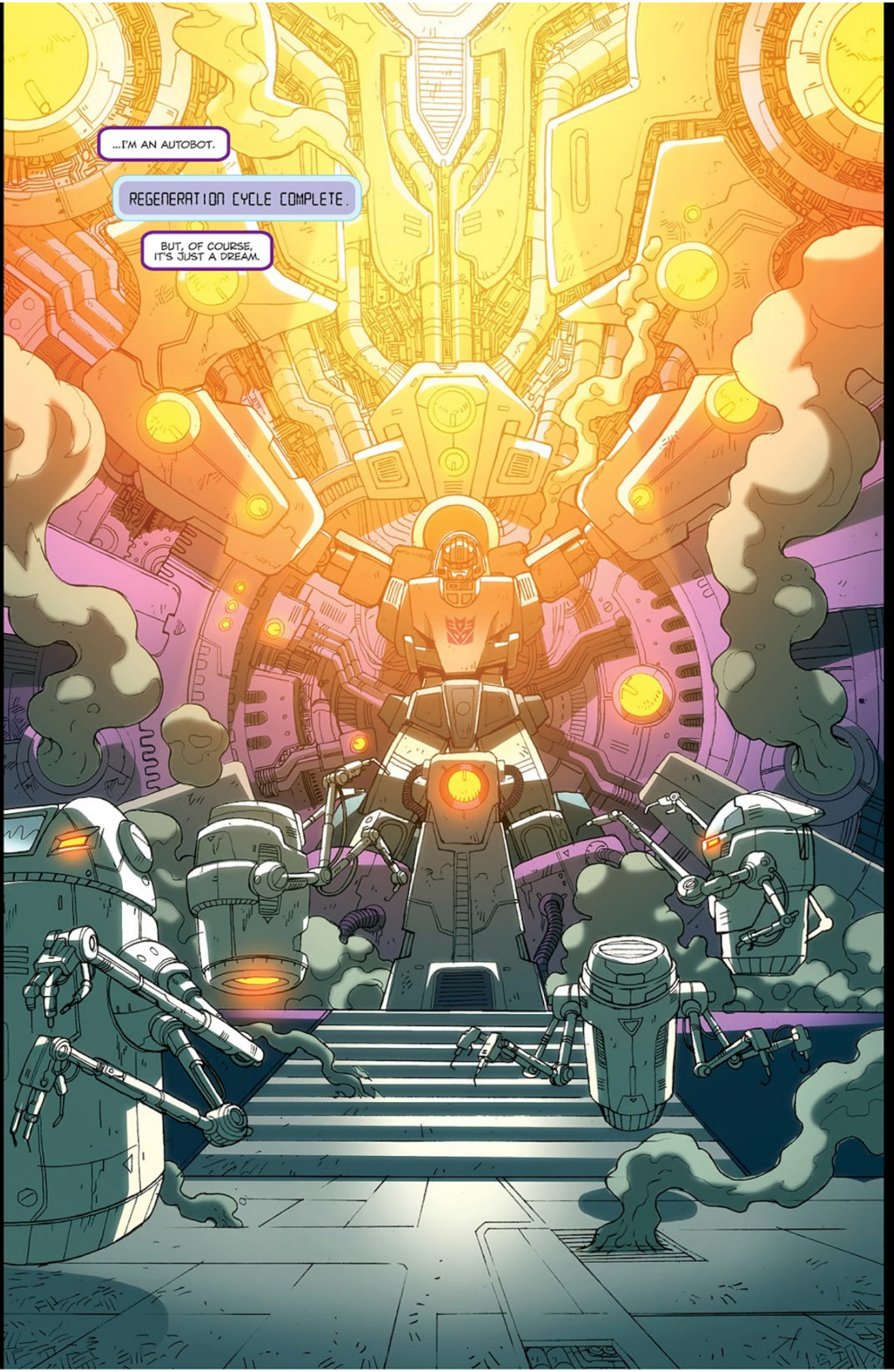
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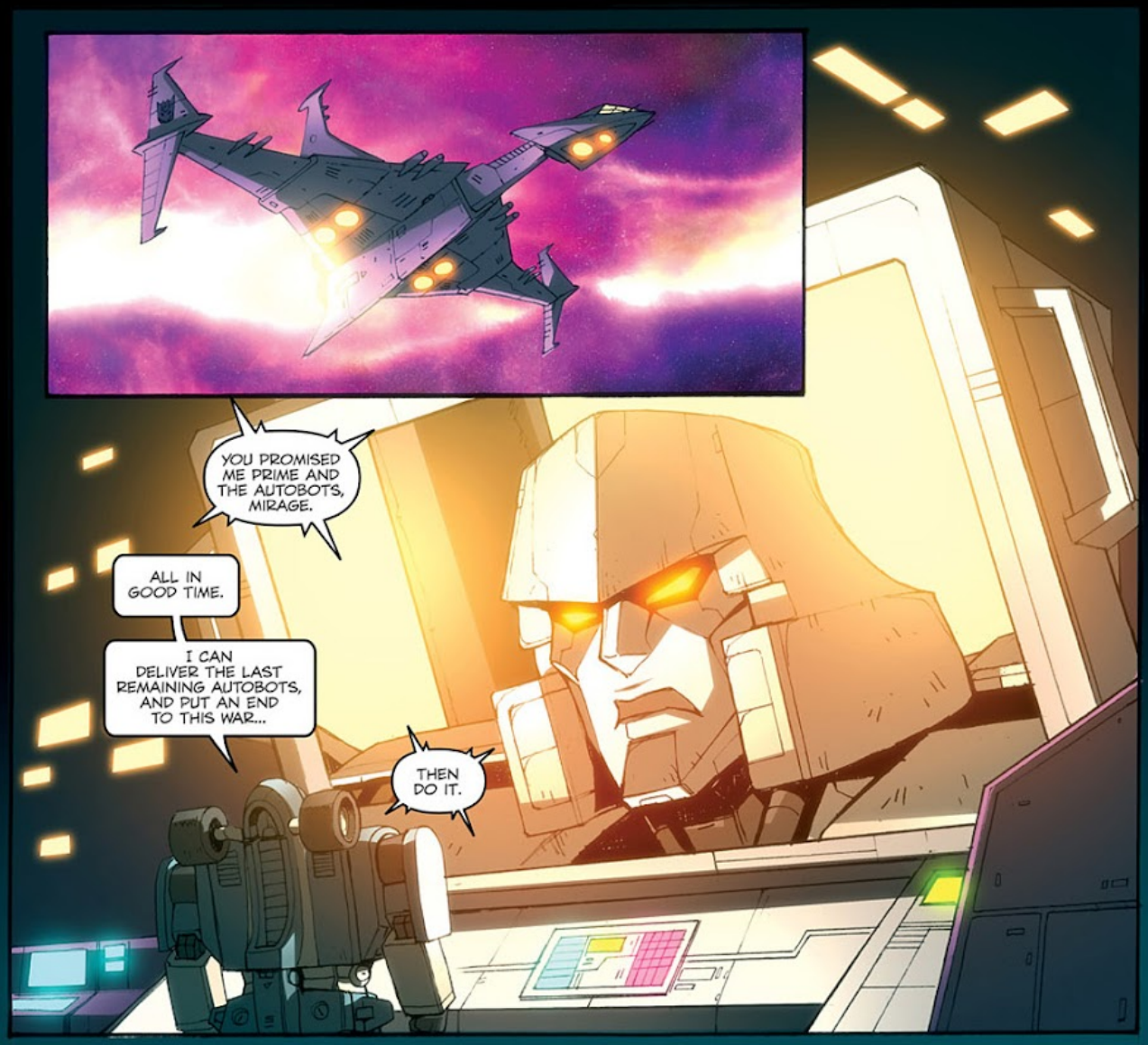
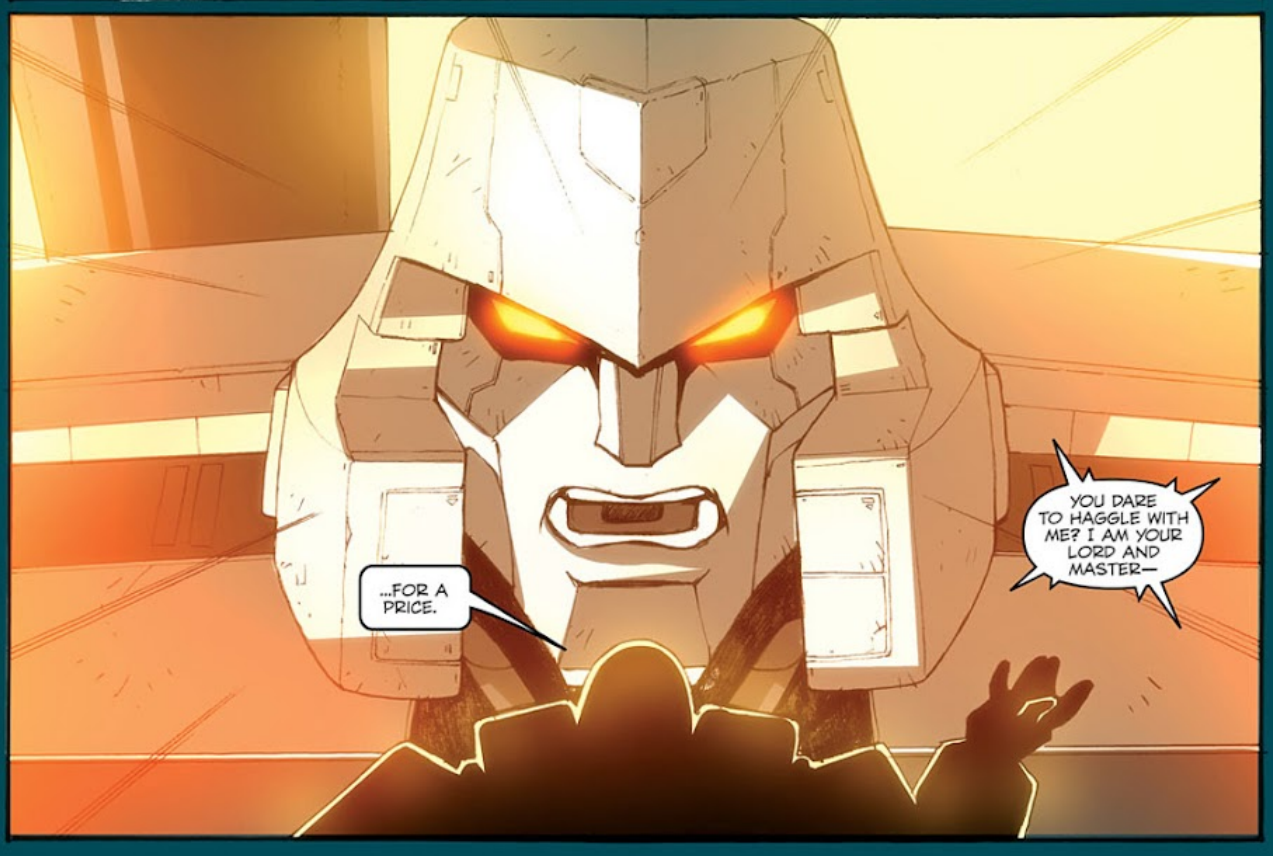
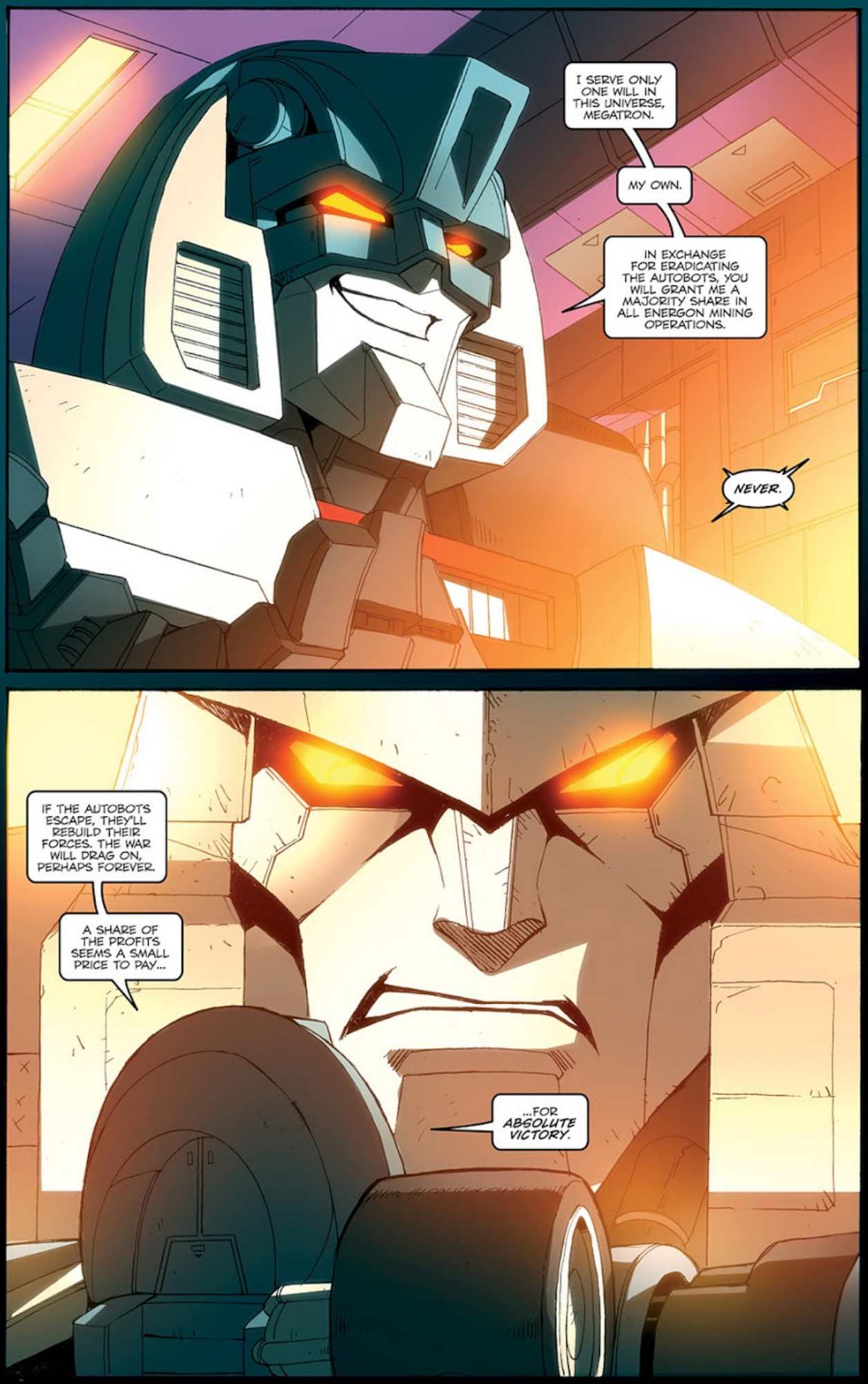
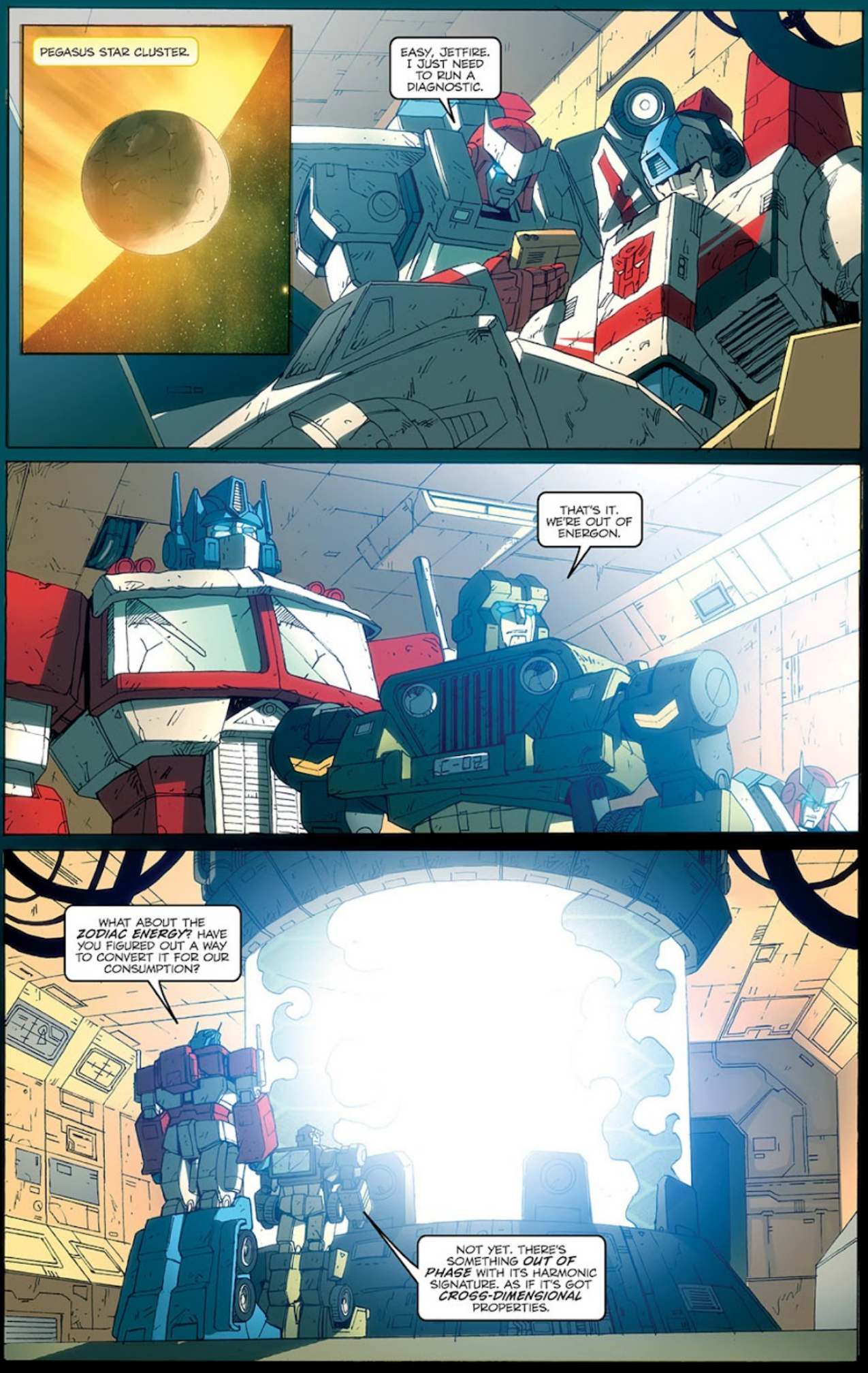

YOU PROMISED ME PRIME AND THE AUTOBOTS, MIRAGE.
ALL IN GOOD TIME.
I CAN DELIVER THE LAST REMAINING AUTOBOTS, AND PUT AN END TO THIS WAR...
THEN DO IT.


YOU DARE TO HAGGLE WITH ME? I AM YOUR LORD AND MASTER—
...FOR A PRICE.


I SERVE ONLY ONE WILL IN THIS UNIVERSE, MEGATRON.
MY OWN.
IN EXCHANGE FOR ERADICATING THE AUTOBOTS, YOU WILL GRANT ME A MAJORITY SHARE IN ALL ENERGON MINING OPERATIONS.
NEVER.
IF THE AUTOBOTS ESCAPE, THEY'LL REBUILD THEIR FORCES. THE WAR WILL DRAG ON, PERHAPS FOREVER.
A SHARE OF THE PROFITS SEEMS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY...
...FOR ABSOLUTE VICTORY.


PEGASUS STAR CLUSTER.
EASY, JETFIRE. I JUST NEED TO RUN A DIAGNOSTIC.
THAT'S IT. WE'RE OUT OF ENERGON.
WHAT ABOUT THE *ZODIAC ENERGY*? HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT A WAY TO CONVERT IT FOR OUR CONSUMPTION?
NOT YET. THERE'S SOMETHING *OUT OF PHASE* WITH ITS HARMONIC SIGNATURE. AS IF IT'S GOT *CROSS-DIMENSIONAL* PROPERTIES.

IT WOULD BE LIKE TAKING A MIRROR AND TRYING TO CONSUME THE REFLECTION, RATHER THAN THE ENERGY ITSELF.
WE'D HAVE MORE LUCK TRYING TO EAT A HOLOGRAM.
WELL, KEEP AT IT.
JETFIRE'S IN BAD SHAPE. HE NEEDS TO BE IN A REPAIR FACILITY.
DO WHAT YOU CAN.
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO. OUR RESOURCES ARE DEPLETED AND THE DECEPTICONS ARE CLOSING IN. I SUGGEST WE CONSIDER SURRENDER.
NEVER. WE'LL BRING FREEDOM TO THE UNIVERSE OR DIE TRYING.
BWEEP BWEEP
SOMEONE JUST BYPASSED THE FIRST SECURITY PERIMETER.
IT'S BUMBLEBEE.
OPEN THE BLAST DOOR.

ZZHHHHH
BOY, ARE WE GLAD TO SEE YOU!
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?
DEAD. THE DECEPTICONS AMBUSHED US WHEN WE ENTERED THE CLUSTER.
I MANAGED TO ESCAPE, BUT THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE. WE NEED TO WARN OFF ANY OTHER AUTOBOTS WHO MIGHT BE EN ROUTE.
NOT NECESSARY. WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT.
GOOD.
KTHOOM
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? YOU JUST BLEW THE WHOLE SECURITY SYSTEM!
ZZZTT
YOUR COGNITIVE SKILLS ASTOUND ME, HOUND.
BUT THEN AGAIN, THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE MY EXPECTATIONS ARE SO LOW.

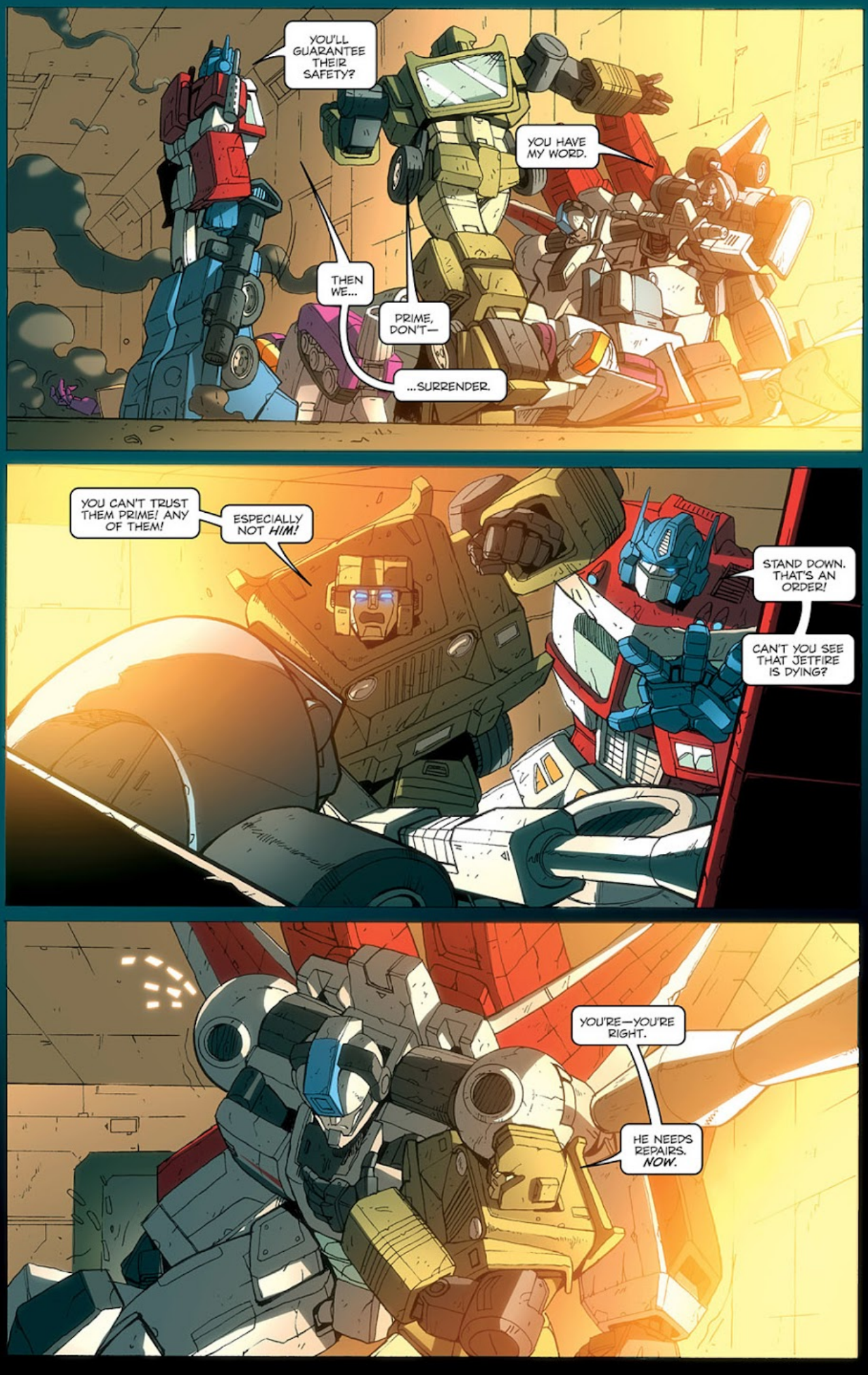
DECEPTICONS...
...HOLD ON A MOMENT.
PRIME, YOU'RE THE SMART ONE. YOU KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE. YOU KNOW HOW THIS WILL END.
THERE'S NO REASON FOR US TO DO THIS IF YOU'LL JUST SURRENDER.
YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, MIRAGE.

AUTOBOTS—!
DECEPTICONS—!

KRANGG
KLUNG
AH, JETFIRE. MORE LIKE *TARGET PRACTICE.*
BACK OFF, MIRAGE!
HE'S ALREADY DYING. HE'S NOT IN THIS FIGHT.

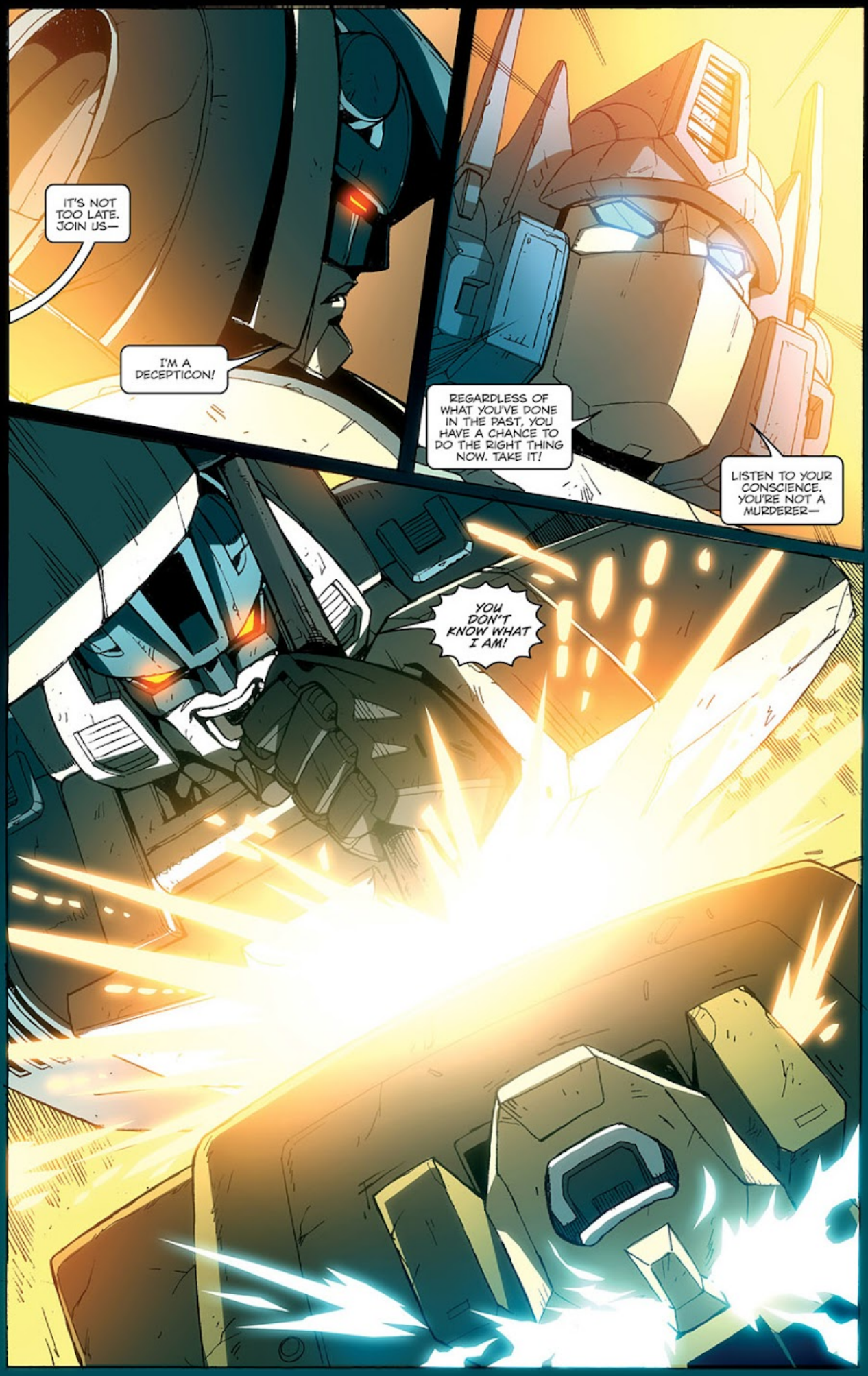
KRRRKK
KRUNG
-UNFH-
MAYBE NOT. BUT THEN, NEITHER ARE YOU.

KLANG
I'D PUT THAT DOWN, PRIME...
LAST CHANCE, PRIME. SURRENDER, AND I'LL ALLOW YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO LIVE.
...IF I WERE YOU.


YOU'LL GUARANTEE THEIR SAFETY?
YOU HAVE MY WORD.
THEN WE...
PRIME, DON'T—
...SURRENDER.
YOU CAN'T TRUST THEM PRIME! ANY OF THEM!
ESPECIALLY NOT HIM!
STAND DOWN. THAT'S AN ORDER!
CAN'T YOU SEE THAT JETFIRE IS DYING?
YOU'RE—YOU'RE RIGHT.
HE NEEDS REPAIRS. NOW.

WHAT IS THIS?
NOTHING. AN EMPTY MIRROR. IT CAN'T HELP JETFIRE.
NOW CALL YOUR BOSS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
THE AUTOBOTS HAVE SURRENDERED. THE WAR IS OVER. VICTORY IS OURS.
WELL DONE, MIRAGE.
NOW... KILL THEM.
THEY'VE SURRENDERED. THEY SHOULD BE TREATED AS PRISONERS OF WAR—
YOU WANT YOUR PAYMENT? KILL THEM! NOW!

HOUND...
...YOU...
UNNH—
KLUNK
MIRAGE!
YOU GAVE YOUR WORD!
YOU RUST-HEARTED SON OF A GLITCH!
WE WERE FRIENDS ONCE, MIRAGE. BEFORE THE WAR.
I KNOW YOU WERE CONFLICTED ABOUT ALLYING YOURSELF WITH THE DECEPTICONS.
SHUT UP.


IT'S NOT TOO LATE. JOIN US—
I'M A DECEPTICON!
REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE IN THE PAST, YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO DO THE RIGHT THING NOW. TAKE IT!
LISTEN TO YOUR CONSCIENCE. YOU'RE NOT A MURDERER—
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I AM!

NO!
THIS ISN'T YOU!
IT'S NOT—
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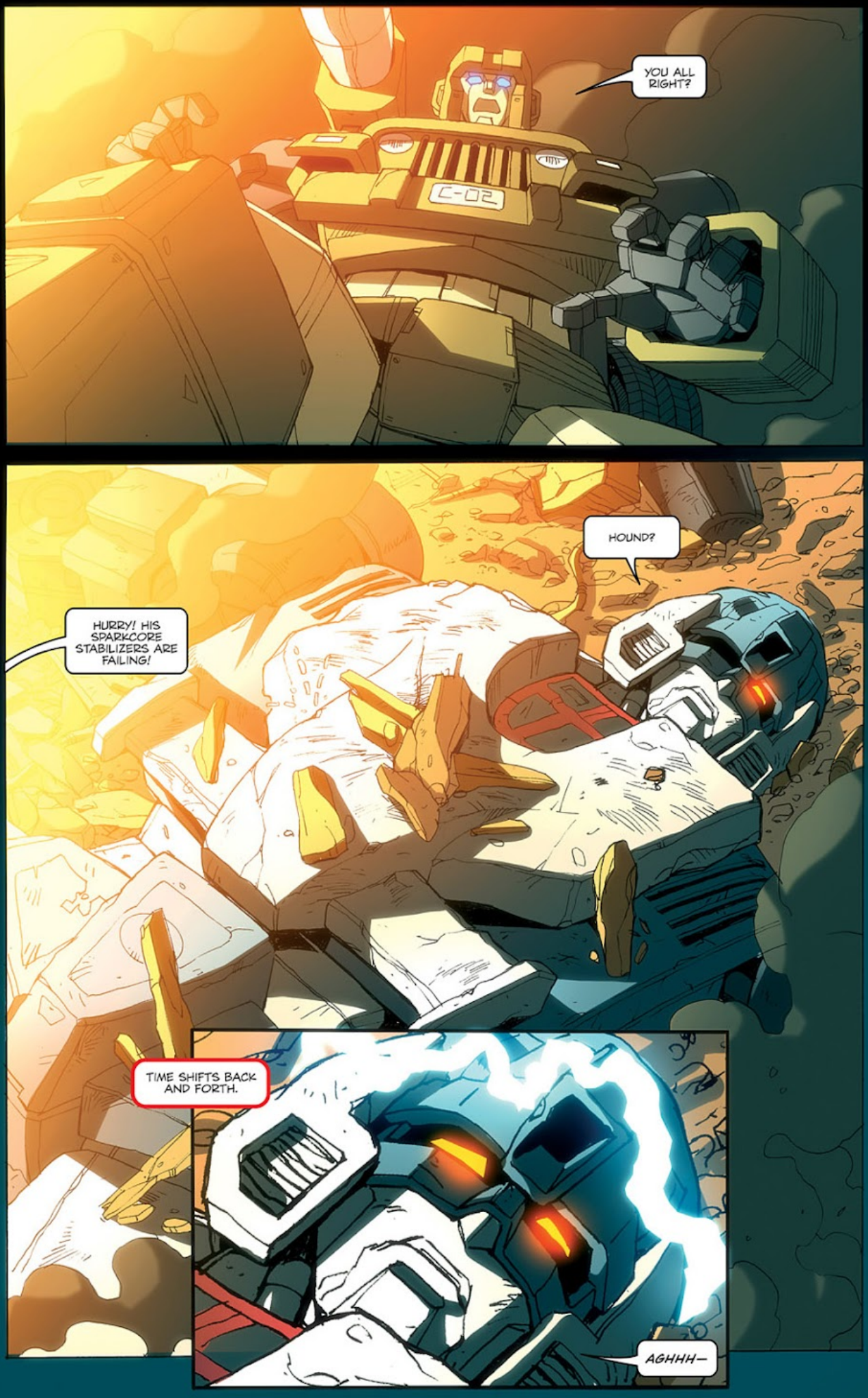
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